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12/13/07**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Canceled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 17 – 66 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1. (Previously Presented) A secondary battery comprising:  
an electrode unit having a positive electrode plate, a negative electrode plate and a separator disposed therebetween;  
a can having a bottom portion and in which the electrode unit and an electrolytic solution are accommodated and sealed, the can comprising aluminum or an aluminum alloy; and  
a layer having a thickness of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  provided on at least an outer surface of the bottom portion of the can.
2. (Original) The secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the layer has at least nickel as a main component.
3. (Original) The secondary battery of claim 2, wherein the layer is formed by at least one method selected from the group consisting of electrolytic plating, electroless plating and sputtering.
4. (Original) The secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the layer has at least copper as a main component.
5. (Original) The secondary battery of claim 4, wherein the layer is formed by at least one method selected from the group consisting of electrolytic plating, electroless plating, sputtering and cladding.
6. (Original) The secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising a safety device and a